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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE REPORTS INFORMAL MEETING IN BONN ON 14 FEBRUARY, WHICH INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF FRG, UK AND US MISSIONS TO NATO AND THE FRG AIR PLANNING STAFF. PARTICIPANTS WILL RECOMMEND TO THEIR NATO MISSIONS A PLAN FOR LIMITED ADDITIONAL STUDY OF AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY MEASURES. STUDY COULD BE USED BY THE EWG AND NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINING FUTURE INCREMENTAL INCREASES IN THE NATO SHELTER PROGRAM. REQUEST WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF SUGGESTED PLAN. END SUMMARY.

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE MISSIONS TO NATO: FRG (CAPT
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ARENDT), UK (LEDLIE), AND US (B/G BOWMAN), AND THE FRG AIR PLANNING STAFF (B/G KOSTER, COL BRAUNE) HELD AN INFORMAL MEETING IN BONN ON 14 FEB. PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THEIR NATO MISSIONS THE FOLLOWING PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY OF

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AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY MEASURES. STATE 030162 WAS NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR THE MEETING.

2. LIMITS OF STUDY. FURTHER STUDY OF THE ULTIMATE NUMBER OF SHELTERS IS NOT WORTHWHILE AT THE PRESENT TIME FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS WILL BE ADEQUATE TO PROVIDE 100 PERCENT SHELTERS FOR THE M PLUS 30 AIRCRAFT IN THE NEXT FIVE-YEAR PERIOD.

B. THE NATO COUNCIL HAS ALREADY APPROVED AN INCREMENTAL INCREASE OF 114 SHELTERS FOR M PLUS 3 AIRCRAFT. THESE ADDITIONAL SHELTERS PROBABLY WILL BE PART OF INFRASTRUCTURE SLICE XXVII SINCE THE US WILL NOT COMPLETE SITING PLANS IN TIME FOR SLICE XXVI.

C. WHAT IS NEEDED NOW IS SOME ADDITIONAL LIMITED STUDY TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR FURTHER INCREMENTAL INCREASES IN SHELTERS IN SLICES XXVIII-XXX.

3. SPECIFIC STUDY SUGGESTIONS. A STUDY EFFORT IS NOW IN PROGRESS AT THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER WHICH MAY PROVIDE A LARGE PART OF THE NEEDED ANALYSIS. THE STARTING POINT SHOULD BE THE 70 PER CENT SHELTER LEVEL FOR UE ASSIGNED EARMARKED TACTICAL AIRCRAFT PLUS SHAPE STANDARDS OF OTHER AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL MEASURES. WE SHOULD THEN DETERMINE THE BEST MIX OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR REASONABLE LEVELS OF ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE. THIS ANALYSIS MIGHT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF VARIOUS LEVELS OF INCREASED AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL MEASURES FOR A SAMPLE AIR BASE IN THE CENTRAL REGION OF ACE DURING THE FIRST 14 DAYS OF COMBAT. THIS AIR BASE ANALYSIS WOULD INCLUDE APPROPRIATE PROPORTIONS OF REINFORCING AIRCRAFT AND SELECTED LEVELS OF AIRCRAFT ATTRITION.

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B. RESULTS OF THE MODEL AIR BASE ANALYSIS COULD BE TESTED FURTHER IN SEVERAL OF THE EXISTING AGGREGATE MODELS OF THE CENTRAL REGION OF ACE.

4. MEETINGS OF EXPERTS. IN ORDER TO GUIDE THE STUDY EFFORT, MILITARY AND ANALYSIS EXPERTS WOULD MEET ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE, AS NECESSARY:

12-14 MARCH OTTOBRUNN, FRG
APRIL BYFLEET, UK
MAY WASHINGTON

THE FIRST MEETING WOULD SEEK AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF REFERENCE, SURVEY EXISTING RELEVANT STUDIES AND MODESL, AND DETERMINE WHAT ADDITIONAL WORK IS NEEDED AND WHERE IT COULD BEST BE PERFOR-

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5. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON THE ABOVE PLAN. MISSION
WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER
STUDIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ONCE THE UK, FRG AND US REACH
AGREEMENT ON HOW TO PROCEED, THEY WOULD ADVISE THE EWG OF THIS
EFFORT AND WOULD PLAN TO REPORT PROGRESS TO THE SPRING
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